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1. "The following prices were current in the towns of Central Poland, in particu-
lar Warsaw, in January 1954:

A. Food

Quantity	Article	Price in State Shop Prices in zlotys	Free market (or other)
1	Eggs	1.25-1.35	
	Egg from under the counter		2
1 kg	Sugar	13.50	
1 liter	Milk	2.50-3.00	3-3.20
1 kg	Butter	55.00-60.00	65.00
1 liter	Cream		18.00
1 kg	Flour	6.00-8.00	
1 kg	Honey	33.00	
1 kg	Marmalade	8.90	
1 kg	Salt	0.70	
1 kg	Pepper	950.00	
1 kg	Pepper from parcels from abroad (prices paid to recipients by shops or private buyers)		500-600
1 kg	Cocoa	320.00	
1 kg	Coffee	420.00	
1 kg	Coffee from parcels from abroad (prices paid to recipients)		320
1 kg	Tea	75.00	
1 packet	Macaroni	11.00	
1 kg	Macaroni sold by weight	15.00	
1 liter	Olive oil	800.00	
1 kg	Black bread	2.00	
1 kg	Croissant rolls	4.65	

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Price in State Shop</u>	<u>Free Market (or other)</u>
		<u>Prices in zlotys</u>	
1	Pastries (inferior quality)	2.00	
1 kg	Chocolate with nuts, very inferior	150-200.00	
1 kg	Potatoes	0.90-1.00	
1 kg	Apples	12.00-14.00	
1	Lemons (very scarce lately)	8.00-10.00	
1 kg	Lemons	60.00	
1 kg	Oranges	40.00	
1 kg	Oranges in restaurant, station buffet, delicatessen.		50.00

Note: Oranges have disappeared from ordinary state shops and are only available in the above mentioned establishments, where they command a higher price.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Price in State Shop</u>	<u>Free Market (or other)</u>
	<u>Prices in zlotys</u>	
1 liter	Ordinary vodka (40%)	75.00
1 liter	Pure spirit	151.00
1 box	Sardines (with four sardines)	60.00
1 kg	Frozen carp	19.00
1 kg	Frozen pike	12.00
1 kg	Frozen cod	11.00
1 kg	Herring	19.00
1 kg	Meat:	
	Beef (stewing with bones)	18.00
	Roast beef with bone	22.00
	Roast beef, boneless	26.00
	Loin of beef	30.00
	Veal, with bone: better quality	24.00
	Veal, second quality	18.00
	Mutton	24.00
	Pork, raw ham	30.00
	Shoulder of pork	30.00
	Pig trotters	12.00
	Veal trotters	5.00
	Pork 'Jolonka'	18.00
1	Live chicken	60.00-70.00
1	Goose	90.00
1 kg	Goose (3rd quality)	22.00
	Black pudding	6-9.00
	Black pork brawn	18.00
	White pork brawn	22.00
	Ordinary sausage (mostly semolina)	20.00
	Ordinary sausage (better quality)	30.00
	Ordinary sausage (first quality)	35.00
	Dry 'Georgian' sausage	45.00
	Krakow sausage	50.00
	Best sausage	60.00
	Lard	35.00
	Smoked ham	45-55.00
	Roast pork with bones (Schab)	30.00

(Sausages are of very inferior quality, manufactured with the addition of semolina and other extenders.)

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B. Other Prices:

1 ton	Coal	300 zl official price; 500 zl real price
1 pair	Lady's slippers, inferior quality	400 zl
1 pair	Shoes, varying qualities - the most expensive are quite good	300-18,00 zl
1	Lady's bag (plastic or oilcloth)	400 zl.

C. Taxi Fares:

Private taxi, for the 1st kilometer	2.40 zl
State-owned taxi " " "	4.50 zl

D. Restaurant meals:

A dinner in a CDT restaurant. (Centralny Dom Towarowy - a large state-owned store)
three courses with a glass of vodka... 60 zl.

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